

Screening Criteria for Circumcision

Description:

Circumcision is the surgical removal of the sleeve of the skin and mucosal tissue that normally covers the glans (head) of the penis.

The request for a circumcision will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, based on the medical necessity.

Indications for Circumcision:

- The one absolute indication for circumcision is scarring of the opening of the foreskin making it non-retractable (pathological phimosis). This is unusual before 5 years of age. The occurrence of phimosis must be treated with non-surgical methods i.e., topical steroids before circumcision is indicated.
- **Documented** recurrent, troublesome episodes of infection beneath the foreskin (balanoposthitis) that does not respond to other non-invasive treatments and/or sufficient hygiene.
- Urinary obstruction
- Urinary tract infections

Signature of Medical Director

Effective Date